

Lisa Smith

From: Cristina Slaton
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 8:39 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence - 20210015
Attachments: We Can't Afford Higher Rates; We Can't Afford Higher Rates

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in CORRESPONDENCE-Consumers & Representatives in docket 20210015.

Thank you,

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From: kristinheisey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kristin Heisey
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Sent: Saturday, August 14, 2021 12:01 PM
To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa
Subject: We Can't Afford Higher Rates

Dear Mike LaRosa,

I am writing as a concerned Florida resident and customer of Florida Power & Light (FPL). I received notification that FPL intends to increase rates for their customers across the state, hurting the most vulnerable in our communities the most. We urge you to rethink this decision and not increase our bills.

This past year has been challenging and unrelenting, and folks have spent it worrying; worrying about the health and safety of their families and friends; worrying about finding work or being safe at work; worrying about the future of the business they built from the ground up; and worrying about making sure that they could keep the lights and heat on at home. For many of us, the pandemic has changed all of our lives in ways we'll still likely be grappling with long after the pandemic comes to an end.

Nevertheless, for some reason, corporate greed seems to be more important than the sustainability of our communities and our livelihood. This was evident when FPL, among several other power companies resumed closing customer accounts due to non-payment during the second wave of the pandemic. Now, they want to increase rates for their most vulnerable customers. We can't allow companies to continue taking advantage of working-class families, and luckily, you have the power NOW to stop this.

Our families need relief, real solutions to the climate crisis and fair and affordable utility rates. By raising prices, FPL is treating energy as a commodity when it's a necessity. We are demanding that Florida Power & Light halt this unfair plan and that Florida's Public Service Commission require FPL to maintain fair rates for their consumers, and prioritize the communities they serve.

Sincerely,
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From: pedry.gonzalez@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Pedro Gonzalez
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Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 11:02 PM
To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa
Subject: We Can't Afford Higher Rates

Dear Mike LaRosa,

I am writing as a concerned Florida resident and customer of Florida Power & Light (FPL). I received notification that FPL intends to increase rates for their customers across the state, hurting the most vulnerable in our communities the most. We urge you to rethink this decision and not increase our bills.

I understand that FPL has among the lowest rates in the nation and I applaud them for keeping rates low. However, you must understand that salaries in South Florida are also low in comparison to the rest of the nation.

Over 50% of Miami-Dade County residents are below the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Threshold. My wife and I are amongst them. That means that we can't make enough money to have a survival budget. We are both full-time employees, making above minimum wage, and it is still not enough.

For ALICE families like ours, even \$20 more a month in electricity makes a big difference. I encourage the State to work with FPL to find other alternatives, rather than passing costs to consumers, to continue maintaining and improving the grid needed to keep supplying reliable energy to all Floridians.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mr. Pedro Gonzalez
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